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### Will Censure All.

A Washington forecast of the report of the war investigating commission says:

Briefly put, the commission to investigate the conduct of the war will place the blame as follows:

Secretary Alger, for weakness, especially in his relations with General Miles; for permitting General Miles to go to Santiago.

General Miles, for his conduct before, during and after the war. For his selection of certain army camps. For telling Secretary Alger he was in the habit of making out his own orders. For bringing unfounded charges that bad beef was supplied to the troops in Porto Rico.

General Shafter, for certain points which he admitted in his testimony. General Breckenridge, for leaving his department to take part in the Santiago battle; for not making more inspections.

General Brooke, for conditions at Camp Thomas.

The medical department, for lack of inspections; for failure to carry out proper sanitary regulations.

Congress for failure to make appropriations for smokeless powder.

Mr. McKinley will have in his possession the full report of the war commission within the next ten days. This report, it is asserted, will not be a whitewash of the army administration. It will be unanimous on all essential points: it will declare that the primary trouble is due to lack of proper military organization.

It will show that Secretary Alger was weak, especially in his relations with General Miles, but it will not find him responsible for the camp "horrors."

Subordinate officers will be blamed for conditions with respect to these matters.

Neither the secretary nor any member of his family, it will be stated, had any interest in any of the camp sites.

### Bryan on Silver.

Denver, Jan. 16.—Colonel Wm. J. Bryan declared today in a brief speech which he made at the public reception given to him by the bimetallic league of this city, that the silver issue is still very much alive. He said:

"The cause lives because it embodies the hopes, the aspirations and the belief of our people. It is a strong cause because the people need silver. The American people favor bimetalism, never mind where the silver is produced. We don't need it because it is produced here. People eat because they need, not because food must be consumed. And so with gold and silver. They are important in the world's commerce because they are needed and you can never destroy silver while it is needed. The farmer, the creator of wealth, knows that the gold standard lowers prices without raising money. And if the gold standard should once be established, you may set it down that the date of bankruptcy is not far ahead. To restore bimetalism is to restore the parity between money and property. Those who advocate the gold standard as a rule know that the gold dollar is not stable or honest. The strength of the gold standard is to be found in the money centers, and its strongest advocates are those who, when their dollar is invested, want it to go up.

If our cause is just, and I firmly believe it is, its triumph is sure. Truth cannot be crushed to earth. The hour of death is not here."

### Otis Heard From.

Washington, Jan. 16.—General Otis was heard from again today from Manila and the contents of his cablegram were so reassuring as to the situation there and at Hilo that the officials here have accepted without condition the consequences of his statement that the critical stage is past and that he has control of the situation.

### The Army Scandal.

Washington, Jan. 16.—What shall be done with Major General Miles? What charges shall be preferred against Commissary General G. P. Eagan? How shall the beef controversy be satisfactorily settled?

These questions will be considered at the meeting of the cabinet tomorrow. Incidentally they will lead to a discussion of the reorganization of the war department and the policy to be adopted is expected to be of great importance to the country and army.

The question to be immediately settled will be that arising from the violent language employed by General Eagan in his statement before the war investigating commission.

Contrary to expectations the president has ordered the secretary of war to appoint a court-martial for the trial of General Eagan. Secretary Alger did not favor a court martial but tried to persuade the president to order a court of inquiry. This was for the purpose of dragging General Miles further into the net and of presupposing General Eagan's innocence in the matter, unless something was found to necessitate a court martial. It would also have put General Miles on the defensive and he is considered the real plaintiff in this case.

General Wesley Merritt will be the president of the court, according to the detail prepared today, and Colonel John W. Clous, deputy judge advocate general and secretary of the Cuban evacuation commission, will be judge advocate.

As so far determined the charges upon which General Eagan will be tried are "conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman" and "conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline."

### Ambassador White Talks.

Berlin, Jan. 16.—The ambassador of the United States, in an interview said that the whole flurry of indignation in the two countries is just as baseless this year as last, and may even be more baseless. He added:

"In my judgment it emanates entirely from a small number of people who always seek to fish in troubled waters. As a matter of fact, Germany knows and shows that she knows that her only true policy in the East is to remain on good terms with the United States. She has no earthly motive to take the side of the Spaniards or the insurgents or to stir them up. That there are some Germans at Hong Kong and elsewhere who think they do not like Americans is just as true as that there are some Americans there and elsewhere who do not like the Germans. But such gentlemen direct neither the policy of our state department nor that of the German foreign office. The relations of our country and Germany were perfectly harmonious during the war and since the war the Germans have acquiesced to our suggestions. They saw from the beginning how the war was to end and accepted the situation most cordially. So far from quarreling at this late day over Pacific possessions, they are more and more inclined to work with us in the extension of commerce and civilization. Only about a week ago they telegraphed their consular representative at Hilo on no account to land any force for the protection of the Spaniards, but to leave that matter to the Americans.

"Respecting the meat question, there is every reason to believe that the new condition of things will be much more favorable to the United States than the old condition."

The Cologne Gazette this morning publishes an inspired article explaining the alleged injustice of the American imputation against Germany, concluding with saying:

"The German government does not fight with its visor down. But besides, in view of the fact that the German industry necessarily needs the American market, it would be incredibly foolish to indulge in a policy of hostility toward the American people."

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